JANSHALA

Name of the Agency	Assistance Provided			
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	Total
UNICEF, UNDP, UNESCO, ILO and UNFPA	18.8	15.93	12.60	46.61

White Paper on minority communities

*426. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring out a White Paper on the situation of the minority communities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The details are being worked out.

Judge-population ratio

*427. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of judges of High Courts and Subordinate Courts per one lakh population;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the number of judges per lakh of population; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The present judge strength in India is approximately 13 per million population.

2. The last Triennial Review of the Judge strength of various High Courts was held in 2003. As a result, it was decided to increase the Judge strength of various High Courts from the existing strength of 655 to 749 Judges.

3. The Supreme Court, in its judgement of 21st March, 2002, in the case of All India Judges' Association & Ors Vs. Union of India & Ors, had directed that an increase in the Judge strength from existing 10.5 or 13 per 10 lakh people to 50 judges per 10 lakh people should be effected and implemented within a period of five years in a phased manner to be determined and directed by the Union Ministry of Law. The Court had also directed that the existing vacancies in the Subordinate Courts at all levels should be filled.

3.1 The Central Government have filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court praying that the increase in judge strength in the Union Territories for which Central Government is administratively responsible be allowed based on workload and pendency of cases. The matter is *sub-judice*.

3.2 All State Governments are also party to this case. Under article 235 of the Constitution of India, the administrative control over the members of subordinate judiciary in the States vests with concerned High Court and the State Government. Accordingly, the Central Government has requested all the State Governments for taking necessary action to increase the judge strength as per the direction of the Supreme Court, and also to fill up the vacant posts of judicial officers on urgent basis.

Capacity utilisation of public sector enterprises

†*428. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of of public sector enterprises being run by his Ministry as on March, 2005;

(b) the number of such enterprises that have achieved production utilization of more than 90 per cent of their installed capacity during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.